

WATER ABOVE DANGER LINES

A NAT FLOOD SWEEPS THE MISSISSIPPI AND MISSOURI

Part of St. Louis inundated and the suburbs of Omaha in Great Danger from a Tidal Wave—The Missouri Rising at the Rate of Eight Inches an Hour and Eating Its Way Swiftly into an Abandoned River Bed now Thickly Occupied—Kansas Rivers Leap Their Banks.

St. Louis, May 13.—The Mississippi rose above the danger line at 6 o'clock to-night. It stood at 31.8 feet, a rise of over a foot since last night. It continues to rise. The farmers' elevator stands 600 yards out in the river, but is in no danger.

The Kansas Railroad tracks for ten blocks are covered with water, varying from two to ten feet deep. In order to do their switching a train of empty cars four blocks long is attached to each engine, thus keeping the locomotive out of deep water. Farmers have been standing all day up to their waists in water. Goods from the levee warehouses are being rapidly removed, as the water is now splashing on the first floors even in the central part of the city, where the levee is widest. The Missouri River continues to rise, and there is no doubt that the flood of '83 will be surpassed.

Hundreds of squatters who have lived for years in shanties along the river banks have been forced to pack their household goods and seek refuge on higher ground.

In many places the river is higher than the mouth of sewers, choking them up and backing the water up into the cellars and basements.

OMAHA, May 13.—The danger of the water in the Missouri River at this point was realized to-day when the alarm was sent out that the river was rapidly cutting its way to the old bed which was deserted nearly a half century ago.

The changing of the channel left a tract several thousand acres in extent on the Nebraska side. It was formerly Iowa land. This was improved by capitalists, and is largely taken up by manufacturing concerns, and hundreds of railroad tracks. The river is now eleven feet three inches above low-water mark, and the water is rising at the rate of one inch an hour. At this rate it will require only six or seven hours to bring it to a point where it will cut through the narrow valley and engulf the city.

Many houses in the direct path of the torrent would take, and there is a large amount of property in the hands of property holders at the threatened point watching the current.

The rising of the northern arm of the lake and the river is a bank of not more than fifty yards wide, and this is being encroached upon by a volume of water which requires more than a few hours to turn the water of the river into the channel cut years before the settlement of the country. The banks are caving constantly.

The whole ground between the main highway and the river is absolutely impassable. The first serious accident as a result of the water was the collapsing of a wing of the county hospital.

The building was only recently completed, and was used for the purpose of housing the inmates. The inmates were removed, while the inspectors were examining the building. The water, which had passed not two minutes before, fell and caused the building to collapse.

The whole mass fell to the main floor, and the inmates were killed. The building was but a few feet from the river, and the water was only a few feet above the ground.

TOPEKA, May 13.—The Republican River at Topeka is over its banks. The Kansas River at Topeka is now over its bank and is rising.

Reports from the west say that a ten-foot rise may yet be expected. It is true the river is rising, but it is not rising as fast as it has been. The water has already flooded houses, warehouses, mills, and factories.

The Embury family, five in number, living near that place, are missing. John Embury, a railway employee, was drowned here last night.

ASTORIA, Tex., May 13.—The Colorado River has broken through its levee in the region of its tributaries. In that region there has been no rain until recently.

VIENNA, May 13.—An inspection has been made by Assistant Engineer Douglas of all levees in the region of the river. The reports no cause for alarm, though higher water is being feared.

OKLAHOMA, May 13.—The Mississippi continued to rise slowly to-day at Hattiesburg, and an order was issued in order to let the water against a new one.

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THE DEATH OF GARZA'S LIEUTENANT. Shot With Nine Others in a Fight With Mexican Troops.

WASHINGTON, May 13.—Gen. Schofield received to-day this telegram from Gen. Stanley: "Commanding General, Fort Huachuca, reports fight yesterday morning on Mexican side between detachment of Mexican army and our troops. Our troops were victorious. Among the killed was Garza's lieutenant, whom I saw in the field. He was a main man."

On His Back With His Skull Crushed In. Policeman Bolter found a well-dressed, middle-aged man lying on his back on the sidewalk on the northeast corner of Third avenue and Twenty-third street, New York City, yesterday morning. He was lying on his back, and his skull was crushed in.

75 Policemen, 50 Amateurs. A very tired-looking lot of policemen stood against the wall of the Broadway Hotel in Manhattan, waiting for two hours for the arrival of the man who was shot. The man was shot in the back, and he was lying on his back.

Cardinal Gibbons Differs with Archbishop Corrigan. Baltimore, May 13.—Cardinal Gibbons has refused to comment on the Pope's decision on the subject of the election of a new Pope. The Cardinal is of the opinion that the Pope's decision is not in accordance with the wishes of the American people.

Peaceless in Every Respect. Are the through trains of the Pennsylvania Railroad—The Pennsylvania Railroad is in a state of peacelessness in every respect. The trains are running on time, and the passengers are comfortable.

BORN TO BE A BAD MAN.

Young Hessel Confesses that He Robbed His Grandfather, a New Jersey Minister.

William C. Hessel, the young man who was arrested on Tuesday for attempting to shoot Steve Brodie's bartender, William Cools, and who is now in the Tombs prison, confessed yesterday that he was one of the three burglars who broke into the house of his grandfather, the Rev. Wilson Hessel, in Milltown, N. J., and robbed the inmates. Hessel is about 21, but talks of desperadoes and a wild life like a boy of ten. He told the reporter that he would like nothing better than to live in some mountain retreat in the West. He had read scores of dime novels, he said, and knew just what a bandit ought to be, and when he felt the need of money he decided to get it in a method in keeping with his chosen profession. So he took a trip to Milltown and broke into his grandfather's house.

"The old man is 74 years old," he said. "and I know how he was easy to handle. I wanted to try my hand at it, and then, again, I wanted to try my hand at it, and then, again, I wanted to try my hand at it."

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POINTS IN THE ASTOR WILL.

THE CODICIL TOUCHING MRS. DRAYTON DATED LAST NOVEMBER.

Ample Provision Said to Have Been Made for Her Eldest Son—Nothing to Go to Brother Henry Astor in Any Way—W. Astor Was Down as One of the Executors Until June, 1920.

The bulky document which disposes of the millions left by the late William Astor, an abstract of which was printed in THE SUN yesterday morning, was filed for probate in the surrogate's office yesterday afternoon. The will, with its six codicils, contains more than 20,000 words. The will itself is fifty-six and a half pages. Every possible contingency which might arise to divert any portion of the estate from the Astor direct line is met by some provision of the will intended to prevent such diversion.

Philip Hissman, one of the executors, offered the will for probate, but no petition was filed with it nor any citation issued to persons interested who might contest its provisions were they so minded.

In his will Mr. Astor states that he disposes of his own individual estate, the property which he has acquired, his estate under the will of his father, William B. Astor, and certain other property named in an ante-nuptial settlement made Sept. 13, 1853, just prior to his marriage with Caroline Webster Schermerhorn. The only term of endearment used in either the will or the codicils is found in the first article of the original draft, in which Mr. Astor speaks of his "beloved wife."

An examination of the codicils shows that it is the last, dated Nov. 12, 1921, in which the bequests for the benefit of his daughter Augusta, Mrs. J. Coleman Drayton, were revoked, and the share in the estate which she was to have was bequeathed to her children.

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